

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A display window for placement in registration with a display so that the display is viewable through the window, wherein a first surface of the window is for exposure to a user, and a second surface of the window is for placement adjacent the display, the second surface being provided with a grating to distribute light from an associated source of illumination in the direction of the display.
- 10 2. A display window as claimed in claim 1 wherein the display window is for use with a Liquid Crystal Display (LCD).
- 15 3. A display window as claimed in claim 1 wherein the grating is in the form of a surface comprising a plurality of triangular projections.
4. A display window as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first surface of the display window is provided with a toughened coating.
- 20 5. A display window as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first surface of the display window is provided with an anti-reflective coating.
- 25 6. A display window as claimed in claim 1 wherein the window comprises a polycarbonate material.
7. A display assembly comprising:
- a display;
- an illumination source; and
- a window disposed adjacent the display, and through which the display
- 30 is viewable, wherein a surface of the window facing the display is provided

with a grating for distributing light from the illumination source in the direction of the display.

8. A display assembly as claimed in claim 7 wherein the display is a Liquid Crystal Display (LCD).

9. A display assembly as claimed in 7 wherein the illumination source is disposed between the display window and the display.

10. A display assembly as claimed in claim 7 wherein the illumination source is one or more Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs).

11. A display assembly as claimed in claim 8 wherein the LCD is operable in reflective mode.

12. A display assembly as claimed in claim 7 wherein the grating comprises a plurality of grooves.

13. A portable telephone comprising:
a housing;
a light source; and
a display.

wherein the housing comprises a window with first and second surfaces, wherein the first surface defines an exterior surface of the portable telephone and the second surface, which faces the display, is provided with a grating for distributing light from the light source onto the display.

14. A portable telephone as claimed in claim 13 wherein the housing is a front cover of the telephone.

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15. A portable telephone as claimed in claim 13 wherein the window is integrally formed with the housing.

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